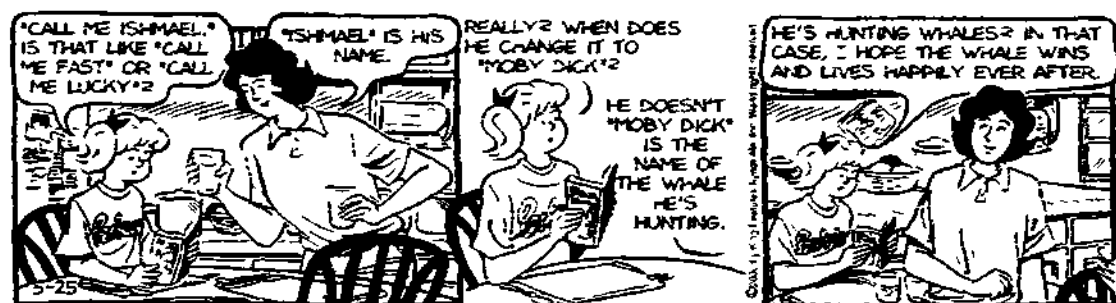


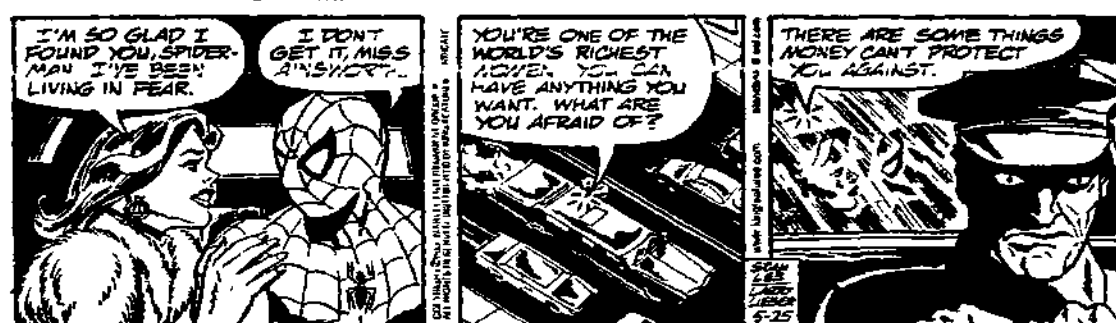
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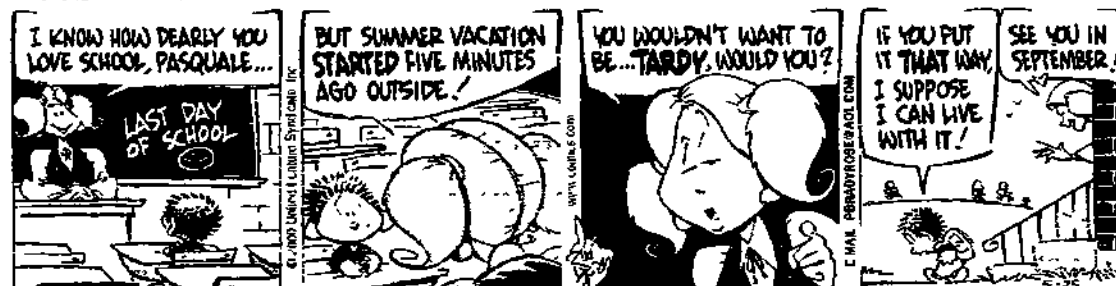
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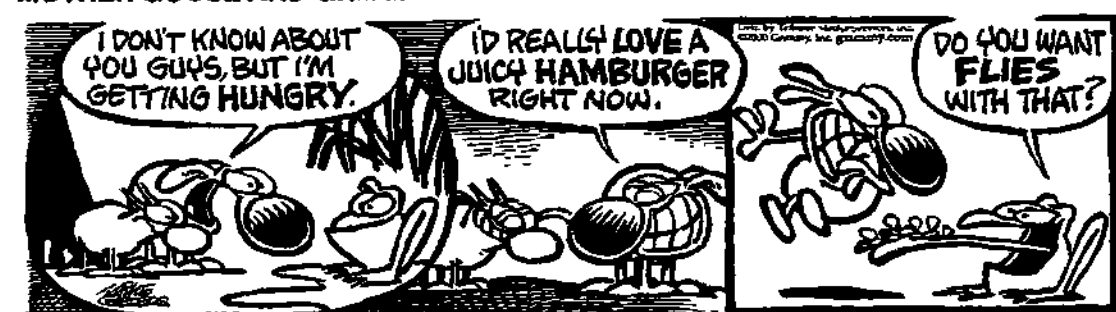
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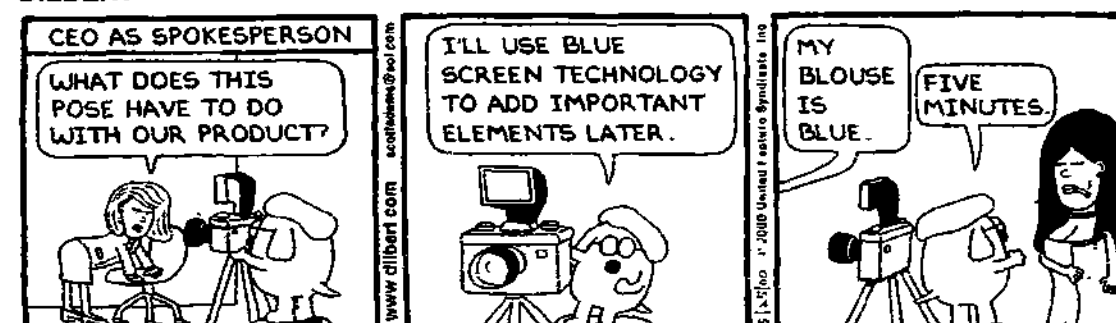
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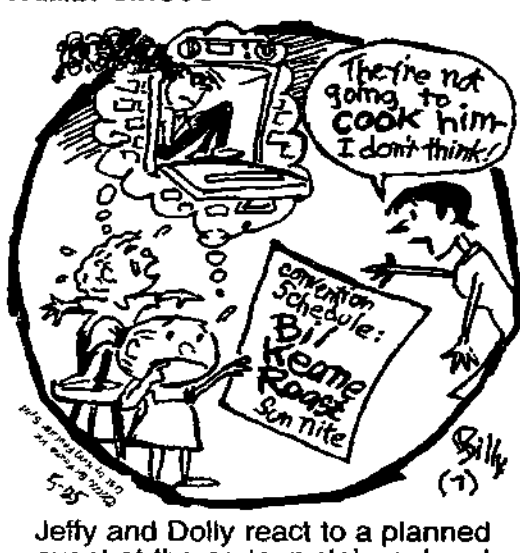
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, May 26

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could be the first one to discover something new and exciting. Don't pass up any opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be on the lookout for people who are trying to get a reaction out of you. Weirder linds you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your life could be radically changed. It might be time for you to re-evaluate your priorities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You try to get close to people, but don't be surprised if they try to push you away.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might be holding on too tightly to someone or something. If it is meant to be, you will know soon enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Nothing is certain as the moon makes its way through the house of Pisces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Spend your spare time creating artwork or writing in a journal. Let your inner child come out to play!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Beware of bringing up a touchy subject around family members. If you insist on talking about it, angry outbursts are bound to ensue.

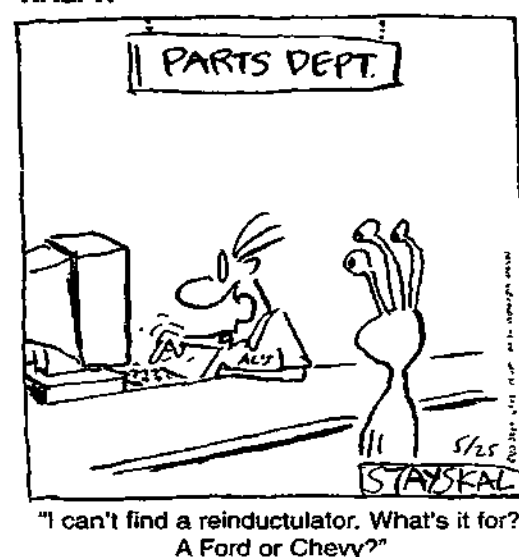
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Use this time to present new ideas to your boss or business partner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's practically impossible to stick to any kind of normal schedule when the moon is moving through Pisces. Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your intellectual gifts are apparent. Share your vision and insight with those around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your mind is a whirl with all kinds of disconnected thoughts.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

"I" WORDS IN SPORTS

BYWURPNLJHFBZXR
RVETRQOMKYITHSY
FEINTERCEPTUSDL
BZDPAYWKVIYODTF
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Wednesday's unused clue: FORD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They may be in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unused clue: A HOCKEY PENALTY

ice axe, ice hockey, inbounds, indy, infield fly, infield hit, infield out, infielder, injury, lining, inside lane, intercept, tipon, iron cross, iron

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South ruffed West's diamond king and led a low spade, preparing to ruff one or two spades in dummy. West won and led a trump, dummy winning the nine. South then led dummy's club jack, hoping for a cover, but East bravely ducked. To avoid a possible "no-trick" game, South took his ace to guarantee two spade ruffs in dummy. If South had passed dummy's club jack and lost to West's potential honor, South would go down two if West could lead a second trump. However, if West had neither club honor, South would make his game (The game makes easily if East covers.) If the club jack holds (today's case), the rest is easy. South ruffs two spades in dummy and loses only two spade tricks. If West wins dummy's club jack, but has no second trump to lead, South still goes down only one trick. And if South is lucky enough to find honor-x in clubs with East, he will make his doubled game. Taking a cheap sacrifice against a vulnerable game provides a small gain.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9
♥ Q A 7 5 4
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ A 7

EAST
♠ A K J 6 5
♥ 5 2
♦ A K J 6 5
♣ K Q 4

SOUTH
♠ 8 4 2
♥ K J 10 8 7 6 4
♦ A 7
♣ A 7

Vulnerable Both

Dealer East

The bidding

East South West North
1♠ 4♥ 3♠ 3♥
Pass Pass 5♦ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Sunday evening, first, Mary Walsh, Alene Huntley, Monday morning, first, Carol Ginsky, Amy Elzeier, Monday evening, first, Murray Hall, Alene Huntley; Tuesday evening, first, Jim Ineich, Jim Ineich Jr., Wednesday evening, first, Carmen Chavez, Howie Cring, Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Sarah Fiorito, Janet Gillen, 1 EW, Nancy Marangola, Marie Mariani, Thursday evening, Joe Fortino, Cameron Ross; Friday morning, first, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser; Friday evening first, Bill Barrington, Bill Bremer, Ellen Dixon, Jane Donn.

Bridge Studio E-Z Bridge Division: Monday afternoon Beginner Game, 1 NS, Barbara Moon, Ray Savarese, 2 NS, Jane Henson, Mickie Rothman; 1 EW, Jim Davis, Nancy Lawson, 2 EW, Betty Levinson, Shirley Rouff, Monday evening Beginner Game, 1 NS, Jane Calhoun, Barbara Moon, 2 NS, Mary Van Dyke, Oebele Van Dyke; 1 EW, Geryl Conway, Tim Conway, 2 EW, Don Scheu, Jane Scheu, Tuesday evening Intermediate Game, 1 NS, Bill Allen, Mary Jo Allen; 2 NS, Art Vercillo, Margaret Vercillo, 1 EW, Lee Ridley, Leslie Smith; 2 EW, Roslyn Antonacci, Maureen Sager; Thursday afternoon Intermediate Game, 1 NS, Patricia Miller, Paul Swarthout, 2 NS, Gerri Herold, Ann O'Connor; 1 EW, Nancy Godbold, Petey Pilcher, 2 EW, Alan Shively, Donna Shively.

Lafayette Country Club Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, first, Beverly Goldberg, Myrna Rubenstein, second, Giti Radin, Irma Silverstein.

Liverpool Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Barbara Reinschmidt, Helen White, 2 NS, Laura Distin, Anne Divers; 1 EW, Joe Conrad, Alberta McCormick, 2 EW, Clo Morris, Sally Wright.

Stonehedge Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Louise Staring, 2 NS, Roni Capra, Helen White; 1 EW, Rosemary Dunn, Gayle Phillips, 2 EW, Alyce Martin, Ruth Richner.

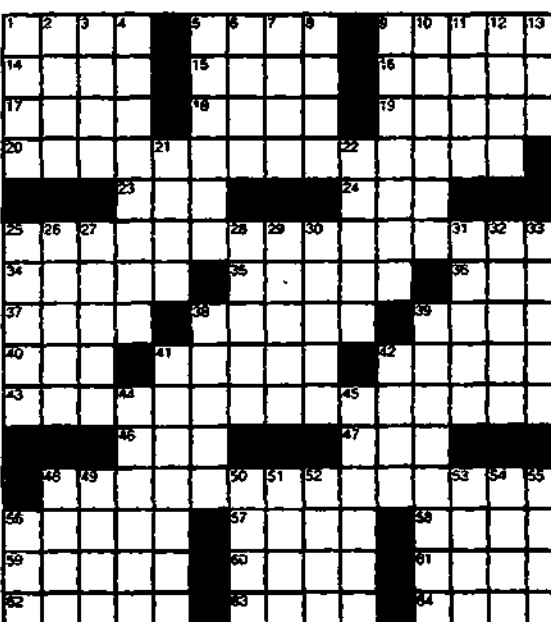
Syracuse Contract Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday evening, 99er Game, first, Eileen Carolan, Loretta Leonard, second, Julie Hartenstein, Sandy Kleiman, Wednesday evening, first, Joan Noli, Anne O'Brien, second, Bill Burnett, Rick Olanoff; Thursday noon, first, Doug Lyon, Milt Rosenblum, second, Dot Joiner, Mary Ryan; Thursday evening, first, Howard Johndrow, Larry Walul; second, Don Miller, Gene Wurdinger, Friday evening, first, Judy Butcher, Lorry Desrusseaux; second, Anne O'Brien, John Herman, Sunday afternoon, first, Frank Christian, Fran LeBoeuf, second, Mary Ann Finn, Anne O'Brien.

Radisson Bridge Club: first, Nancy Noble, Mike Rich; second, Charles Hummel, Priscilla Hummel.

Western Hills Duplicate Bridge Club: Thursday morning, 1 NS, Lil Parkhurst, Helen White, 2 NS, Eleanor Peters, Goldie Walczyk, 1 EW, Esther Greenlee, Jane Kendrick, 2 EW, Mary Curtin, Bobbie Dexter.

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Puzzle by Matt Goffney

ACROSS

1 Home of Organ Pipe Cactus Natl. Mon.

5 "Mamma Mia" pop group

9 Abu

14 Ways of Caesar

15 Wrench

16 How roast beef may be served

17 "do"

18 Funny situation

19 #1 song

20 Oscar winner of '59 and '65

23 "Jurassic Park" mathematician

24 Canal site

25 City near the Cripple Creek gold field

34 Interpreters are needed for them

36 I, to historians

36 Big letters in cyberspace

37 Gym groupings

38 Part of a test prep

39 Frank girl

40 Secret, sometimes

41 Power

42 Like a rainbow

43 Robert Rubin's successor as Treasury Secretary

46 Keyboard key

47 Kind of sauce

48 Tourist site at Goat Island

56 "My Cousin Vinny" actress

57 Bowers

58 First name in dictionaries

59 Half-brother of Ishmael

60 Comment to a traitor

61 W. S. Gilbert's "Princess"

62 "hand (support)"

63 High school course

64 Twist

DOWN

1 Hugo's friends

2 "Goodbye Columbus" author

3 Like some chatter

4 A googol

5 Parthenon figure

6 Bay bobber

7 It may be wiped

8 Not pro

9 Contemptible fellow

10 Arm bones

11 Close to closed

12 Kiss

13 Wistful-wistful suffix

21 Sven's cousin?

22 "Raiders of the Lost Ark" locale

25 Key material

26 Finale

27 Pepe

28 That's an order!

29 Reserved

30 1991 and '92 U.S. Open winner

31 1930's veep John _____ Garner

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BETTE PET NAAM
RURAL AWE WASTA
ERICA LEXLUTOR
TOMKITE YENCENT
MESS NTH
ANGLED LOAF SPA
SERIF HARPO TAN
THREDECEMBERKING
ERE BRIMS RANDR
RUN RARE BENGAY
MUD ROAD
UNSEALS UNJADED
NEWSREELS USURY
DAISY NET LILLE
ORGY DOS VALES

49 Gulf war ally

50 Hall & Oates' "Gone"

51 Possesses, old-style

52 German opera composer

53 "Over there"

54 & 55 Insomniac's TV fare

56 Up to, informally

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